

SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

(Community Recognition)

February 7, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, Anthony Roman Markham Civic Centre Meeting No. 3

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Deputy Mayor Jack Heath, Regional Councillor Jim Jones, Regional Councillor Joe Li, Councillor Valerie Burke, Councillor Howard Shore, Councillor Don Hamilton, Councillor Carolina Moretti, Councillor Colin Campbell, Councillor Alan Ho, Councillor Logan Kanapathi.

REGRETS

Regional Councillor Gord Landon, Councillor Alex Chiu.

STAFF

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
John Wong, Technology Support Specialist
Dennis Flaherty, Director of Communications and Community Relations
Martha Pettit, Acting City Clerk
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Special Council Meeting for Community Recognition convened at 7:11 p.m. on February 7, 2013 in the Council Chamber. Mayor Frank Scarpitti presided.

On behalf of Council, Mayor Frank Scarpitti welcomed members of the public to the Special Council Meeting for Community Recognition. He noted the purpose of the meeting is to recognize and celebrate individuals who have made contributions to the community of Markham.

Mayor Frank Scarpitti announced with sadness the passing of former Regional Councillor/Deputy Mayor Ron Moran on January 30, 2013. Mayor Frank Scarpitti noted Mr. Moran was a Member of Council from 1973 to 1991. Council observed a moment of silence dedicated to Mr. Moran's memory.

1. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

(1) None declared.

2. PRESENTATIONS

(1) PHILIP WONG (9TH PAN AMERICAN GAMES WINNER - 2 GOLD MEDAL AND 1 SILVER MEDAL) (12.2.6)

Council recognized Philip Wong, winner of 2 Gold Medals and 1 Silver Medal in Wushu (a form of martial arts) at the 9th Pan American Games held in Mexico from October 18 to 22, 2012.

(2) 2012 HERITAGE COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARDS (12.2.6)

The Ontario Heritage Trust's Heritage Community Recognition Awards Program celebrates volunteer achievement in identifying, preserving, protecting and promoting local heritage. It recognizes that community volunteers play a vital role in conserving Ontario's heritage. Individuals are nominated by Municipal Councils.

Council recognized the recipients of the 2012 Heritage Community Recognition Awards including:

- Barry Nelson, Built Heritage Category
- Wing Morse, Natural Heritage Category
- Sid Kiyoshi Ikeda, Cultural Heritage Category (Absent)
- (3) 2012 MARKHAM SANTA CLAUS PARADE -RECOGNITION OF PARADE WINNERS, INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES (12.2.6)

The 40th Markham Santa Claus Parade was held on November 24, 2012.

Mr. Jim Sandiford, Rotary Club of Markham Sunrise Inc., provided opening comments and thanked all the participants and volunteers who helped make the 2012 Markham Santa Claus Parade a success.

Council recognized the following parade winners:

<u>Categories</u> <u>1st Place Winners</u> <u>2nd Place Winners</u>

Commercial Float Bell Canada Markham Veterinary Clinic

Non-Commercial Float Markham Unionville Rotary Rameses Hillbilly Shrine Club –

Club/Tone Dogs Men (Absent)

Marching Group 351 Silver Star Royal Canadian Town Crier

Air Cadet Squadron/ACLB - John Webster & Mary Webster

Squadron and 883 Squadron

Band Top Hat Marching Orchestra Governor General's Horse Guards

(Absent) Band (Absent)

School Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary North Toronto Collegiate Institute

School Scarborough (Absent) Band (Absent)

Theme Budget Towing Services St. Andrews Play School

Council also recognized the following individuals and businesses for their outstanding contributions to the parade:

Jim Sandiford, Rotary Club of Markham Sunrise Inc.

Peter Cusimano, Rotary Club of Markham Sunrise Inc. (Absent)

Susan Peterson, Rotary Club of Markham Sunrise Inc.

Councillor Colin Campbell

Dennis Flaherty, Director, Communications & Community Relations

Enzo Greco, Rental and Events Coordinator

Christine Matthews, Manager, Markham Village BIA (Absent)

Morgan Jones, Manager Roads Operations

John Vipond, Supervisor Roads East (Absent)

Joel Lustig, Treasurer

Andrea Conlon, Events Supervisor (Absent)

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer

Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Randy Barber (Absent)

Carson & Weeks Insurance (Absent)

D. Crupi & Sons Limited (Absent)

(4) SMART COMMUTE MARKHAM, RICHMOND HILL - EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR 2012 AWARD (12.2.6)

Council recognized the Smart Commute Markham, Richmond Hill, Employer of the Year 2012 Award winner – GENIVAR.

Michelle Albert, Director of Operations, Water and Wastewater and Fatema Khalfan, EIT, Infrastructure Management and Planning, were in attendance on behalf of Genivar.

Flo McLellan, Program Director, was in attendance on behalf of Smart Commute Markham-Richmond Hill.

(5) TAIWAN ENTREPRENEURS SOCIETY TAIPEI/TORONTO (T.E.S.T.)
- RECOGNITION FOR PROVIDING 20 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE
AND SUPPORT (12.2.6)

Council recognized the Taiwan Entrepreneurs Society Taipei/Toronto (T.E.S.T.) for providing 20 years of community service and support.

T.E.S.T. is a non-profit organization, established in 2003 and organized by Taiwan entrepreneurs residing in Toronto. The organization is composed of a diversified group of members from different walks of life striving to enhance business opportunities utilizing its network. T.E.S.T. has been recognized by the communities as an organization that continuously makes significant contributions to our society.

Representatives of the T.E.S.T. were in attendance including:

Benson Sy, President Cindy Fan, Past President and Gala Committee Member Wayne Fan, Past President and current Committee Member Jason Wei, Past President and current Charity Foundation Chair Philip Cheng, Committee Member Hsiu Min Cheng, Committee Member

(6) RECOGNITION OF JOHN HONSBERGER (12.2.6)

Mayor Frank Scarpitti spoke of Mr. John Honsberger's enthusiasm for sharing his enjoyment of a park located at Elgin Street and Vintage Lane in Thornhill has bee. As Mr. Honsberger was unable to attend the meeting this date, Council deferred the recognition to a future meeting.

3. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That By-law 2013-11 be given three readings and enacted.

Three Readings

BY-LAW 2013-11 A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2013.

By-law

CARRIED

4. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the Council meeting be adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

CARRIED

MARTHA PETTIT FRANK SCARPITTI

MAYOR

ACTING CITY CLERK

(Signed)